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WINTER 2019 Newsletter

Mark your calendars: UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR 2019 and 2020 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2019:

October 18

November 15

December 6 – <u>Christmas Event at Homer's in Sebring</u>

2020: January 17

February 21

March 20 April 17

May 15

NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

September 18

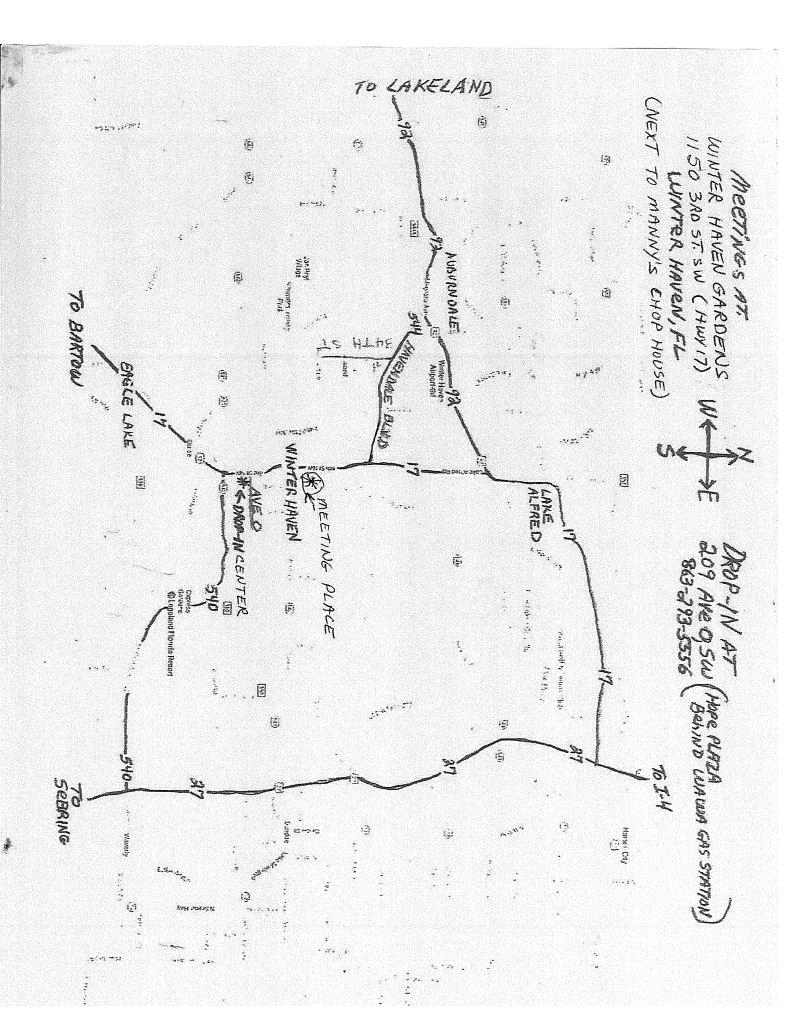
October 16

November 20

Just another reminder that our meeting location has been changed to: Winter Haven Gardens, 1150 3^{rd} St. SW (Hwy 17), Winter Haven. Please enter through the side main entrance. Meetings start at 10:00 a.m. Social hour with coffee and donuts will be from 9:00 – 10:00. All retirees, spouses and surviving spouses are welcome to come.

Blue Cross and Aetna reps are in attendance at all meetings: One hour before, during and after the meetings. If you need to speak with an insurance rep, please bring all your paperwork, including all EOBs and bills.

If you need to come into the drop in center, please bring all bills and EOBs with you and allow enough time for us to help you. Drop in center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
My name is Herman McCreary and I am the
Financial Secretary of UAW Mid-Florida
Retiree Council. I was reelected on
October 19, 2018. I'd like to tell you a little
bit about myself.

I completed high school in May 1964. I attended Kent State University, doing 4 years at ATES Technical College.

I was hired in at Fisher Body at the Euclid, Ohio plant on January 26, 1965 and also joined the UAW at that time. I was transferred to Lordstown Fisher Body on

June 15, 1970 and spent 25 years in the Skilled Trades unit. I helped organize Local 1714, holding several positions including Auditor and Vice President. I served as Financial Secretary of the Eastern Kentucky Retiree Council. After relocating to Winter Haven in 2016, I assumed the position of Financial Secretary in March of 2017. I hope to keep helping in the capacity of Financial Secretary and in any other ways that promote the principles of the UAW.

Yours in Solidarity, Herman Greetings fellow UAW Brothers and Sisters,

If you have misplaced the map showing our new meeting location and drop in center, another one is included with this newsletter.

For our November meeting, Bill Sauers from FLARA will be our featured speaker.

Tickets for our Christmas dinner at Homer's will be available at our November meeting. Flyer for this event is included. Please note to purchase tickets by November 29^{th} .

Attached is a personal bio of our Financial Secretary, Herman McCreary, which was mistakenly left out of our previous newsletter.

It has come to our attention that most of our retirees are not paying monthly dues. We encourage all to do so. The suggested amount is \$3 per month and can easily be deducted from monthly pension checks. There might still be those who are only paying \$2 a month and we hope you will consider increasing it to \$3 a month. These dues help fund our drop in centers, monthly meetings and coffee and donuts. You may request a dues check off card by calling the drop in center, coming into the drop in center or obtain a card at our monthly meetings.

Also, we would like to encourage everyone to consider contributing to the V-CAP program which endorses political candidates that share our views. This is important because the monthly union dues cannot be used for this purpose. This program helps elect labor friendly candidates. Cards for this purpose will be available at the drop in center and at our monthly meetings. We encourage all to make a contribution to this program, especially with the upcoming elections.

We hope to see more of you at our monthly meetings. We encourage all to utilize our drop in center for any problems you may have. We are here to serve our fellow retirees. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

In Solidarity,

Len Guninski, Chairman

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Mid Florida Retiree Council
Annual Christmas Event
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
Dinner at 11:00 a.m.

HOMER'S SMORGASBORD

Sebring Sq. - US Hwy 27
Sebring, Florida
Tickets available at monthly meetings and
Drop-in Center or mail self-addressed
stamped envelope to:
Leonard Guminski
UAW Drop-in Center
209 Ave. O, SW
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Tickets:\$10 per person Purchase by Nov. 29th